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SUBJECT: INTSUM 625 - AUGUST 10, 1978

LONDON FOR KINSOLVING
PARIS FOR NICHOLAS MURPHY
OTHER ADDRESSEES FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION

1. EGYPT-ISRAEL. THE REACTION OF EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS, MILITARY MEN, AND INTELLECTUALS TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TRIPARTITE MEETING AT CAMP DAVID NEXT MONTH HAS BEEN OVER-WHELMINGLY POSITIVE. THE DANGER MAY BE THAT EXPECTATIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED UNREALISTICALLY HIGH AND THAT THERE COULD BE A REACTION AGAINST EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT'S POLICIES IF THE TALKS DO NOT PRODUCE MEASURABLE PROGRESS. PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF ISRAELI OFFICIALS REFLECT CONCERN THAT THE US WILL PRESENT A PEACE PLAN OF ITS OWN.

2. A SENIOR EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE IS BEING QUOTED AS HAVING SAID THAT SADAT AGREED TO THE MEETING WITH BEGIN AND PRESIDENT CARTER AFTER BEING INFORMED THAT THERE ARE NEW ELEMENTS IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS--THAT IS, THAT THE US HAS GIVEN SADAT ASSURANCES ABOUT THE SUPPORT IT IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE.

3. THE EGYPTIANS ARE APPARENTLY TAKING SATISFACTION IN
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WHAT THEY SEE AS SADAT'S SUCCESSFUL BRINKMANSHIP, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE THE SUMMIT MEETING COMES AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF GROWING CONVICTION THAT THE PEACE PROCESS WAS ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE. OFFICIALS ARE RELIEVED THAT THERE IS STILL HOPE FOR SADAT'S INITIATIVE. THERE ARE NOTES OF CYNICISM--SOME SEE THE MEETING AS A FACE-SAVING DEVICE FOR SADAT, MORE SHOW THAN SUBSTANCE--BUT SO FAR THE PROSPECT HAS REINFORCED SADAT'S POSITION AND INCREASED EGYPTIAN CONFIDENCE IN THE US ROLE.

4. EGYPTIAN MEDIA ARE EMPHASIZING THE EMERGENCE OF THE US AS A "FULL PARTNER" IN THE PEACE PROCESS, A CATCH PHRASE THAT, TO THE EGYPTIANS, MEANS THE US WILL PRESENT ITS OWN PROPOSALS. RADIO CAIRO IS STRESSING THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE WILL DEPEND ON THE ROLE OF THE US, PARTICULARLY ITS ABILITY TO PUT PRESSURE ON ISRAEL.

5. IN A STATEMENT TO REPORTERS ON TUESDAY, BEGIN DENIED THAT THE US MIGHT PRESENT ITS OWN PEACE PLAN AND EMPHASIZED THAT SUCH A PLAN WOULD RUN COUNTER TO THE DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS THAT THE SUMMIT IS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER YADIN SAID IN AN INTERVIEW THAT

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ISRAEL WILL REJECT ANY US PROPOSAL THAT DOES NOT FULLY MEET ISRAELI SECURITY REQUIREMENTS. BEGIN WILL REPORTEDLY INTERRUPT HIS VACATION TODAY FOR A SPECIAL CABINET DISCUSSION CONCERNING PREPARATIONS FOR THE SUMMIT.

6. BEGIN SAID H" ACCEPTED THE US INVITATION BECAUSE IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE DIRECT PEACE TALKS "WITHOUT PRIOR CONDITIONS." HE INDICATED THAT HE CONTINUES TO STAND BY FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN'S STATEMENT LAST MONTH THAT "IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO FIND A SOLUTION" TO THE WEST BANK-GAZA STRIP SOVEREIGDTY ISSUE IF THE ARABS ACCEPT BEGIN'S LIMITED SELF-RULE PLAN--A SEMANTIC SLEIGHT-OF-HAND THAT DOES NOT COMMIT ISRAEL TO MAKE MAJOR CONCESSIONS.

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7. THE ISRAELI PRESS HAS REACTED AMBIVALENTLY; IT HAS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT FACE-TO-FACE TALKS WILL GENERATE NEW MOMENTUM BUT HAS ALSO WARNED THAT THE US MAY STEP UP PRESSURE ON BEGIN TO MAKE FUNDAMENTAL CONCESSIONS ON THE WEST BANK ISSUE. SOME LEADI;G PAPERS HAVE SPECULATED THAT THE US MAY CONFRONT BEGIN WITH ITS OWN PEACE PROPOSAL, A PERSISTENT CONCERN TO MANY ISRAELIS WHO FEAR THAT US DEMARCHES WOULD FAVOR EGYPT AND THUS PROVOKE A CRISIS IN US-ISRAELI RELATIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

8. LEBANON. WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL REPORTS THAT THE SYRIANS HAVE RELEASED AHMAD KHATIB, FORMER HEAD OF THE REBEL LEBANESE ARAB ARMY (LAA), AND SEVERAL OF HIS COMPATRIOTS. THIS MOVE, COMBINED WITH THE DEPLOYMENT OF IBRAHIM SHAHIN, ANOTHER LAA MEMBER TO SOUTH LEBANON, AS THE DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE KAWKABA BATTALION HAVE RAISED CHRISTIAN FEARS. EMBASSY BEIRUT COMMENTS THAT SUCH ACTIONS WILL STRENGTHEN THE RESOLVE OF THE CHRISTIAN PARTIES AND WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT TO SOLVE THE HADDAD PROBLEM. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

9. EGYPT. THE EGYPTIAN PRESS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT $250-300 MILLION IN NEW ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN PROMISED TO EGYPT BY THE GULF ORGANIZATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF EGYPT (GODE). EMBASSY CAIRO HAS BEEN TOLD BY EGYPT'S ECONOMY MINISTER, HOWEVER, THAT THE RECENT GODE SESSIONS IN KUWAIT WERE "DISCOURAGING" FOR EGYPT, WHICH HAD BEEN COUNTING ON $650 MILLION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

10. LIBYA. LIBYA AND THE PRC SIGNED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE IN PEKING YESTERDAY ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, AS WELL AS AGREEMENTS CONCERNING ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC, AND

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TECHNICAL COOPERAT-ON. THESE DECISIONS WERE REACHED DURING THE CURRENT VISIT TO PEKING OF QADHAFI'S CLOSE ASSOCIATE, MAJOR JALLOUD.

11. FOR THE PRC, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH LIBYA--WHICH HAS HAD CLOSE TIES TO THE USSR-REPRESENTS A SUCCESS IN ITS CAMPAIGN TO COUNTER SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT REDUCES TO 22 THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WHICH STILL RECOGNIZE THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AND FORCES THE ROC TO WITHDRAW ITS MILITARY ADVISORY TEAM FROM LIBYA. FROM THE LIBYAN PERSPECTIVE, THE MOVE IS PRIMARILY SYMBOLIC: IT ENHANCES LIBYA'S NON-ALIGNED CREDENTIALS AND SIGNALS ITS INDEPENDENCE VIS-A-VIS THE SOVIET UNION. (CONFIDENTIAL) VANCE

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